

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 634. An act to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 742. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1038. An act to provide equal treatment for utility special entities using utility operations-related swaps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1256. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to jointly adopt rules setting forth the application to cross-border swaps transactions of certain provisions relating to swaps that were enacted as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2167. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish additional requirements to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the home equity conversion mortgage insurance program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2217. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging support for continuation of the STARBASE program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Whereas, STARBASE is a U.S. Department of Defense youth program which targets at-risk students who are historically underrepresented in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Established in 1993, the STARBASE program has grown to 76 locations across 40 states, including three Michigan sites: Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. The program reached about 3,500 Michigan students in Fiscal Year 2012; and

Whereas, STARBASE provides exceptional, hands-on curriculum to participating schools and students that helps overall comprehension of science and math and improves MEAP scores. It provides an inquiry-based curriculum of experiential, exploratory learning to motivate fifth graders to explore STEM as they continue their education. A more recent addition, STARBASE 2.0, is aimed at middle school students in an after

school program. It offers robotic training opportunities and participation in the Lego League team robotics challenge. STARBASE works with school districts to support their learning objectives and expands relationships with local networks of STEM initiatives and organizations; and

Whereas, The rapid pace of technological change and the globalization of the economy demand that our workforce be literate in science and math. Less than one percent of current elementary students are expected to seek advanced education in the sciences. STARBASE raises student interest and improves their attitudes and confidence in STEM skills: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we urge the support for continuation of the STARBASE program; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-20. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the Congress of the United States to maintain operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport in Mansfield, Ohio; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, The United States Air Force 179th Airlift Wing is a military airlift organization assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard and stationed at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport; and

Whereas, Due to its superior record, the 179th Airlift Wing received a mission to operate the C-27J Spartan aircraft, a twin turbo-prop aircraft with short takeoff and landing capabilities, ideal for the nation's current military needs and for providing rapid response support for homeland emergencies; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force has published proposed personnel actions associated with plans to retire more than 300 aircraft nationwide, including the C-27J; and

Whereas, The United States Air Force has plans to move personnel positions among states to mitigate the impact of the reductions; and

Whereas, The United States Air National Guard, including the 179th Airlift Wing, is responsible for homeland defense, and the C-27J is an important tool in accomplishing this mission; and

Whereas, The 179th Airlift Wing has made United States Air National Guard history by deploying the C-27J in Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, Closing the Air National Guard Station at Mansfield-Lahm, relocating its personnel, and diverting or retiring its C-27J aircraft would create discontinuity and weaken national defense and homeland disaster readiness: Now therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the Congress of the United States is urged to maintain operation of the 179th Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Regional Airport to ensure Ohio and our nation will continue to benefit from the unique experience and capabilities of its personnel and the region; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan memorializing Congress to pass H.R. 1014 to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that Act; to the Committee on the Budget.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Whereas, A federal military technician (dual status) is a federal civilian employee who is assigned to a civilian position as a technician in the administration and training of a Selected Reserve on in the maintenance and repair of supplies or equipment issued to a Selected Reserve or the armed forces. The Selected Reserve include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, and the Army and Air National Guards. The primary mission of a military technician is to provide day-to-day continuity in the training of reserve units, particularly, Army and Air National Guard. More than 58,000 military technicians are currently employed helping to maintain our military readiness; and

Whereas, Military technicians are generally required to maintain membership in the National Guard or Reserve as a condition of their employment. They are required to attend weekend drills and annual training with their reserve unit and military technicians can be involuntarily ordered to active duty just as other members of the Guard or Reserve; and

Whereas, Under sequestration, uniformed military personnel are exempt from furlough days and pay cuts. However, military technicians in the National Guard and the Reserves were not exempted, placing the readiness of our military at home and abroad at risk: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we memorialize Congress to pass H.R. 1014 to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide that military technicians (dual status) shall be included in military personnel accounts for purposes of any order issued under that act; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana memorializing the Congress of the United States and requesting the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce to take such action as necessary relative to red snapper season; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the National Marine Fisheries Service, an agency in the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, through the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, to manage and regulate marine species located in the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, such management and regulation includes a determination of the sustainability of each species and preservation of the sustainability through the setting of take limits, individual fishing quotas, and opening and closing seasons; and

Whereas, on March 25, 2013, a temporary emergency rule was published in the Federal Register that gives the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Services the authority to set separate closure dates for the recreational red snapper season in federal waters off the individual Gulf of Mexico states; and